

Would you be proud of cloning the perfect child and having the ability to make a prodigy, only for it to go horribly wrong? Based on society's moral principles Victor Frankenstein's ethics were fallacious. Even though there has been significant change and improvement between the 18th and 21st century, the legal response to dehumanization and possibility of cloning an individual has not reversed in theory or moral culpability. Although the legal ethics have changed over the centuries the sense of right and wrong has not strayed away in way that individuals have not forgotten the rules of the world. In this world humans sometimes dehumanize themselves by creating the thought that we have to power to construct life, where in hindsight the only one that can create life is the creator.

Legal reasoning enforced everywhere, yet vastly overlooked by some people. When it comes to what's right and what's wrong in the world we have to reference back to the laws that were created to give the world order, some created by man and some created by the creator of the universe. As stated in an article about the ethics of cloning "Cloning has been performed on animal embryos but is currently illegal for humans"(this is a prime example of a law created by man. Using body parts from specimens who have no say so to whether or not you can use them is violating the legal boundaries of that body. Victor Frankenstein violated the boundaries of many deceased humans digging up graves and taking parts of the body that were not rightful his to take as said in this quote from the book " dabbled among the unhallowed damps of the grave [and] tortured the living animal to animate the lifeless clay" (Shelly Ch 3.).As we know today, violating graves is illegal in the world today. As far as cloning goes people argue the fact that cloning and/or creating the perfect human is his or her right and not a bad thing. As stated by

The Ethics of Designer Babies by Ly designing babies “help couples with infertility problems conceive children and the practice of IVF confers the ability to pre-select

There are many ethical boundaries when it comes to creating a clone. Dehumanization can become a topic real quick when creating a human being. Dehumanization is the process of depriving a person or group of positive human qualities. Victor Frankenstein tried to create the perfect human by using parts from other bodies that he thought if he combined them his creation would be beautiful. “You have made me wretched beyond expression.” (Shelly Ch. 5) using this quote from Frankenstein you can see that his idea went horribly wrong. New scientific discoveries has made it possible to make your own custom baby by cloning your own DNA, do you see the connection here to the novel Frankenstein? “Techniques of genetic screening are already being used whereby embryos can be selected by sex and checked for certain disease-bearing genes.” (Designer Babies) This sounds good right? “This runs many risks. It’s used in many countries to avoid the birth of female children.” (Designer Babies) Choosing the sex of a child before it is born is depriving them of their own human qualities. “Selection based on benign characteristics was not ethical.” (The Council of Ethical and Judicial Affairs) “Opponents of designer babies are related to the social implications of creating children with preferred traits.” (Designer Babies) This is dehumanizing , because you are trying to make the perfect child, your not giving the child the opportunity to be itself. So with all this being stated you can’t justify cloning, because you can’t justify dehumanizing a person.

Victor Frankenstein passed many ethical boundaries when trying to create life while attempting to be the creator of the world only one person has the power, the ability, and access to create life and take life away and that’s god, however victor was playing the role of god while

creating his monster. Victor Frankenstein intrusion into God's domain while creating the life of his monster therefore the decision he made is the descent into a moral abyss. "Hateful day when I received life! I exclaimed in agony. 'Accursed creator! Why did you form a monster so hideous that you even you turned from me in disgust? God, in pity, made man beautiful and alluring, after his own image; but my form is filthy type of yours, more horrid even from the very resemblance. Satan had his companions, fellow-devils, to admire and encourage him; but I am solitary and abhorred.'" (Shelly Ch.15) Victor Frankenstein creating of life raised many moral questions about his actions, from the text Cloning and ethics "the clone is a symbol of new possibilities for the reproduction of both animals and humans" However he discriminated God and mankind while creating life of the monster "Such as claims that cloning is unnatural and usurpation of God's authority" in the text of Cloning and Ethics. Cloning is unethical and against God's authority, no one has the right to play the role of god.

As shown above, people with same intent and ethical morals as Victor Frankenstein are deemed unreasonable based on society's moral principles. With all the legal logistics of man and of the creator we can see how far Victor fell short of society today. The process of cloning normally results in dehumanization as far as stripping that human of being able to grow into their own personal characteristics. Victor Frankenstein with his psychotic illusion of having the power that only one could have was attempting to be a creator of life commonly known as God. Now, would you be okay with designing the child of your pickings?

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